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SUBJECT:NASA CALIBRATION FLIGHT

CANBERRA PASS NASA REP FOR CAPT. SANFORD

1. NASA'S C-118 NETWORK INSTRUMENTED AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY IN AUSTRALIA FOR SIMULATION AND CALIBRATION FLIGHTS OVER NASA TRACKING SITES. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR AIRCRAFT TO DEPART CANBERRA OCT 21-25 FOR US VIA HAWAII AND THENCE ONWARD TO ASCENSION ISLAND, JOBURG AND TANANARIVE TRACKING STATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION FLIGHTS.

2. AIRCRAFT IS USG OWNED, OPERATED FOR NASA BY BENDIX FLIGHT ENGINEERING GROUP, MARTIN AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, MD.

3. TO AVOID RETURN VIA US WITH ASSOCIATED ADDITIONAL 30,000 - 40,000 DOLLARS COST AND ADDED FLIGHT HOURS, NASA CONSIDERING REROUTING AIRCRAFT WESTWARD FROM AUSTRALIA TO TANANARIVE.

4. BECAUSE OF RANGE LIMITATIONS AIRCRAFT WOULD REQUIRE A REROUTING ALONG LINES OF FOLLOWING:

A. PREFERENCE ONE -- LAND SINGAPORE, OVERFLIGHT OF INDONESIA, LAND EITHER MADRAS OR COLOMBO, LANDING AT SEYCHELLES AND TANANARIVE.

B. PREFERENCE TWO -- AUSTRALIA, OVERFLIGHT OF INDONESIA, LAND SINGAPORE, OVERFLIGHT OF INDONESIA, LAND AT BOMBAY, ASMARA, NAIROBI AND TANANARIVE.

5. NASA WILL NOT COMMIT AIRCRAFT TO CHANGED ROUTING WITHOUT INDICATION FROM POSTS THAT CLEARANCE POSSIBLE WITHIN TIME FRAME AND AV GAS AVAILABLE. AIRCRAFT USES 100-130 OR 115-145 AV GAS. APPROXIMATELY 3000 US GALLONS REQUIRED AT SINGAPORE AND 3700 US GALLONS AT MADRAS.

6. ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES: PLEASE CONFIRM BY PRIORITY CABLE AVAILABILITY OF AV GAS AND INDICATE FEASIBILITY OF OBTAINING NECESSARY CLEARANCES.

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7. FOR COLOMBO; NASA AND DEPT AWARE OF PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH LAST YEAR'S FLIGHT AND APPRECIATE EMBASSY AND SRI LANKA AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE. WE WISH TO AVOID SIMILAR PROBLEMS THIS TIME AND WILL NOT INITIATE FORMAL REQUEST IN ABSENCE STRONG INDICATION AIRCRAFT COULD BE CLEARED AND SERVICED.

8. FOR MADRAS: ARE VISAS REQUIRED ON THROUGH FLIGHTS?
WHAT CHANCES OF OBTAINING LODGINGS? PLEASE ALSO CONFIRM
AVAILABILITY OF 50 US GALLONS RECIP ENGINE OIL.

9. FOR CANBERRA: CREW NOT IN POSSESSION OF VISAS FOR
MALAGASY REPUBLIC. PLEASE CHECK WITH FRENCH EMBASSY AT
CANBERRA TO SEE IF VISAS CAN BE OBTAINED IN CANBERRA. INGERSOLL

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